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In re Patent Application of:  
Hanshermann Franke et al.

Application No.: 10/723,314

Confirmation No.: 6830

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Art Unit: 1615

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION,  
CONTAINING OXCARBAZEPINE WITH  
SUSTAINED RELEASE OF AN ACTIVE-  
INGREDIENT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.